

2019 IOWA INDUSTRY PROFILE

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



Executive Summary

In 2018, the **Public Administration** sector comprised 4.3 percent of all employment in Iowa with 66,246 employees in the state. There are also government workers throughout other industries—such as healthcare, education, transportation, and utilities—that are not included in this sector. This sector can include federal, state, or local government, but does not include any employees in the private sector, i.e., contractors performing public government work are classified by the type of work they are doing for the government.

Employment in this sector has declined in all but one year since 2009. Since reaching 70,419 employees in that year, employment has fallen 5.9 percent to its current level. However, wages in the sector have risen steadily over the past eight years, rising 19.8 percent from \$42,481 to \$50,862.

The largest subsector in this industry is **Executive, legislative, and general government support**, with 68.0 percent of sector employment in the state.

Men make up a majority of the employment in this sector, holding 56.6 percent of positions.





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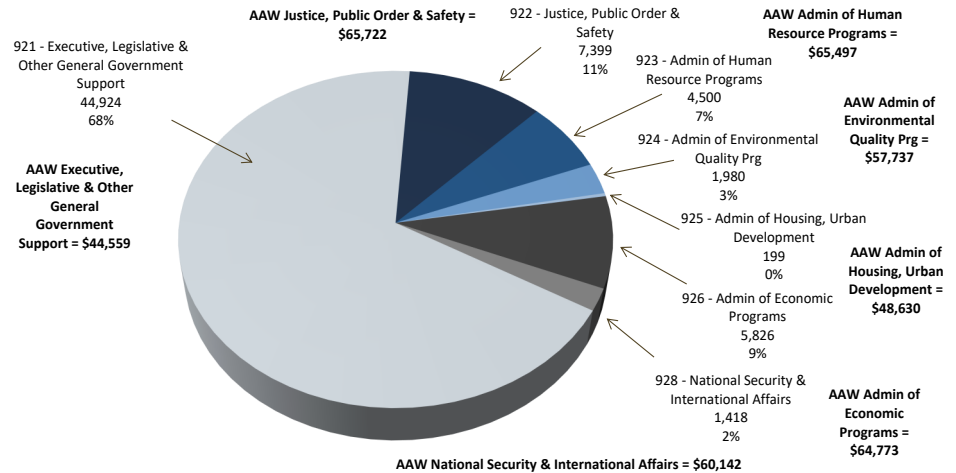
What is Public Administration?

This sector comprises firms engaged in the oversight, management, and administration of public programs and have executive, legislative, or judicial authority over the public institutions in a given area at the state, local, or federal level. Usually the services financed and organized by this sector are provided to the public for free or at very low cost.

Some government establishments engage in productive activities similar to private sector activities, and are thus not included in this subsector.

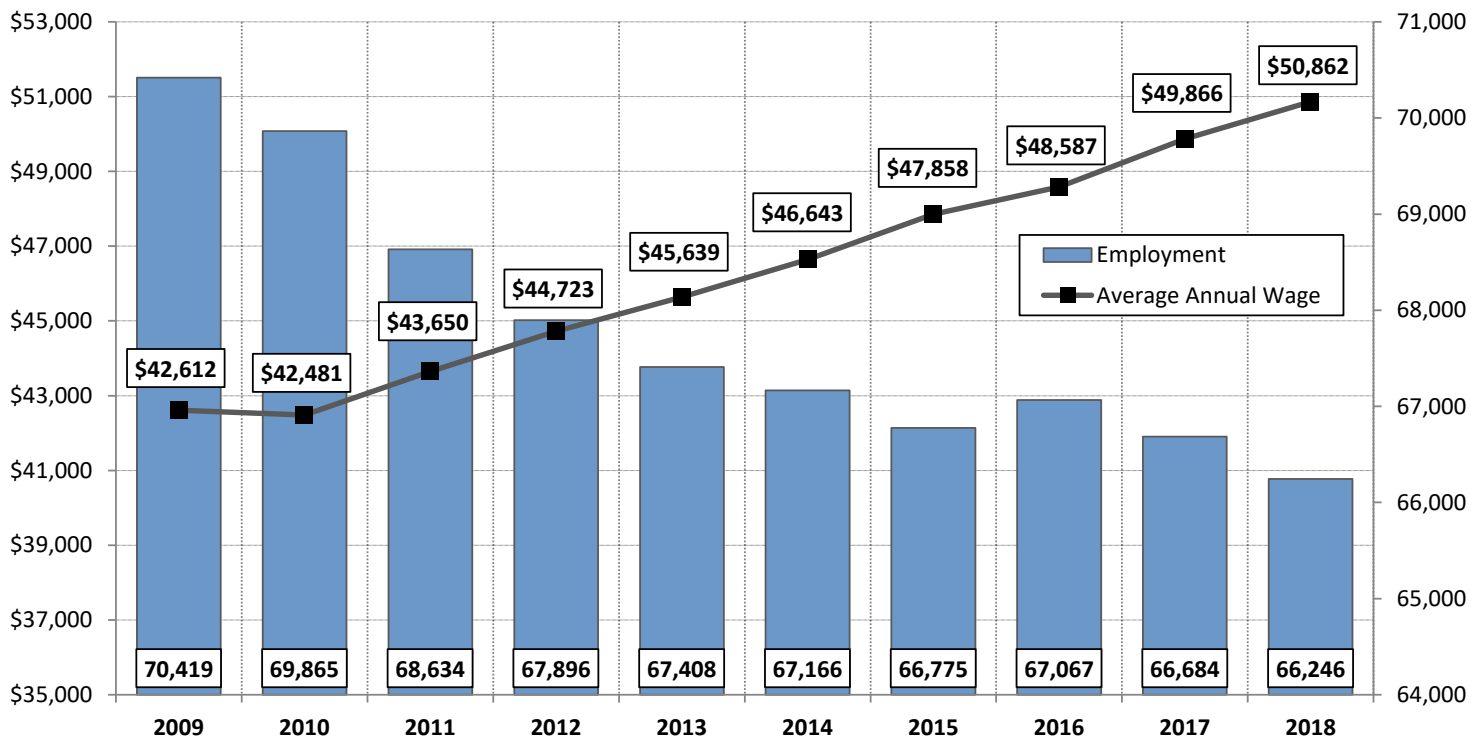
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2018 Industry Breakout by Employment in Iowa Public Administration NAICS Industry Coding



Source: Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW), Iowa Workforce Development

2008-2017 Employment in Public Administration in Iowa



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Top Occupations in Public Administration	Employment
Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	4,964
Postal Service Mail Carriers	3,811
Highway Maintenance Workers	3,299
Correctional Officers & Jailers	3,206
Office Clerks, General	2,132
Secretaries & Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	1,846
Water & Wastewater Treatment Plant & System Operators	1,736
Firefighters	1,721
Registered Nurses	1,669
Postal Service Mail Sorters, Processors, & Processing Machine Operators	1,645
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	1,623
Library Assistants, Clerical	1,523
Court, Municipal, & License Clerks	1,512
Bus Drivers, School or Special Client	1,408
Legislators	1,366
Recreation Workers	1,325
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	1,153
Bookkeeping, Accounting, & Auditing Clerks	1,139
Operating Engineers & Other Construction Equipment Operators	1,124
Bus Drivers, Transit & Intercity	1,116

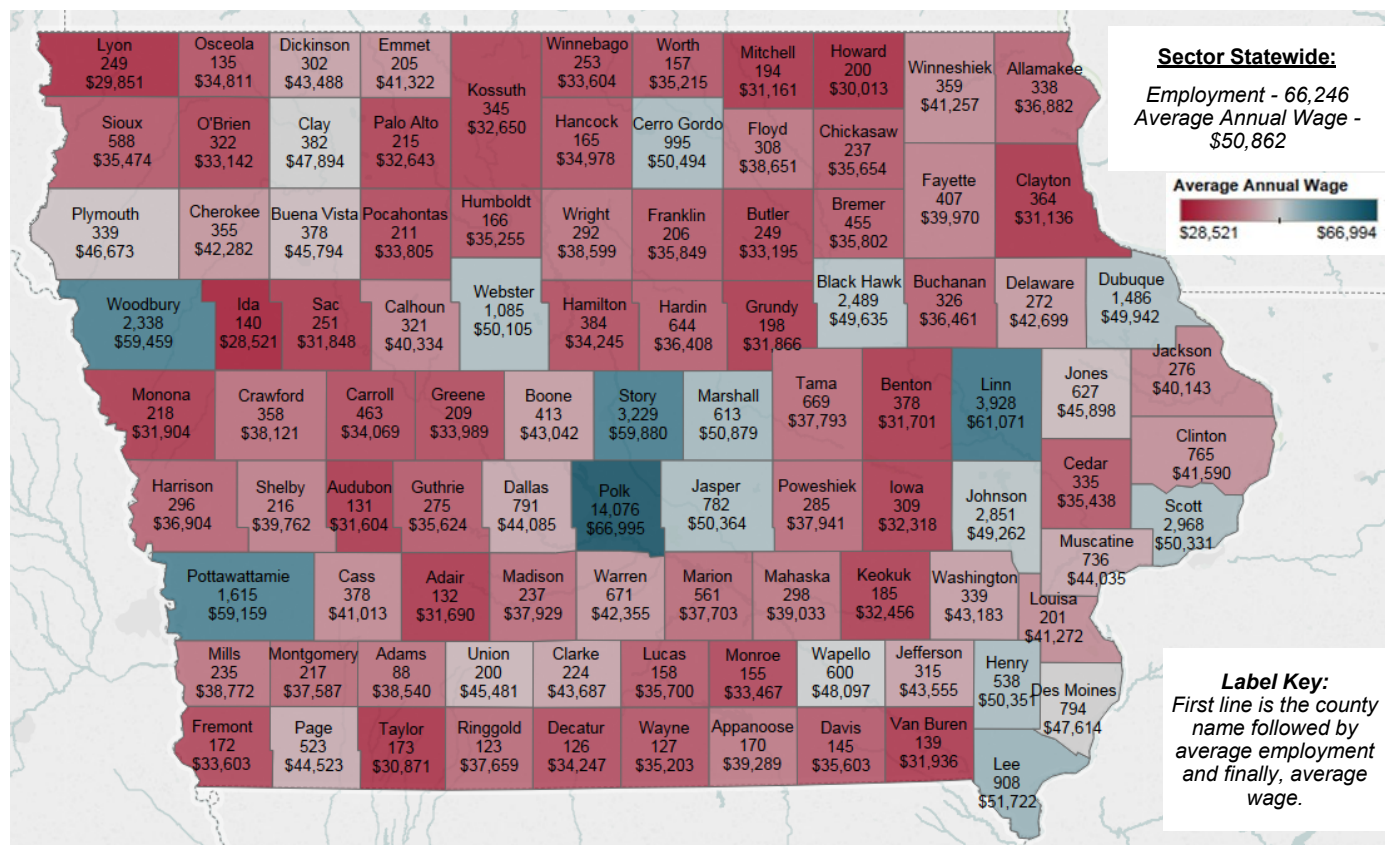
Source: Iowa Workforce Development, Labor Market Information Industry and Occupational Projections (2018-2020 Short-Term Projections)

Employers

In 2018, there were 2,984 **Public Administration** locations across Iowa. **Executive, legislative, and general government** represented a plurality of establishments with 1,131 locations, or 37.9 percent. However, this subsector also had the lowest average annual wage at \$44,559. The **Justice, public order, and safety** subsector had the highest average annual wage at \$65,722.

As demonstrated in the table to the left, police and sheriff patrol officers is the most common occupation in the industry as these positions exist in nearly every municipality.

2018 Covered Employment in Public Administration by County

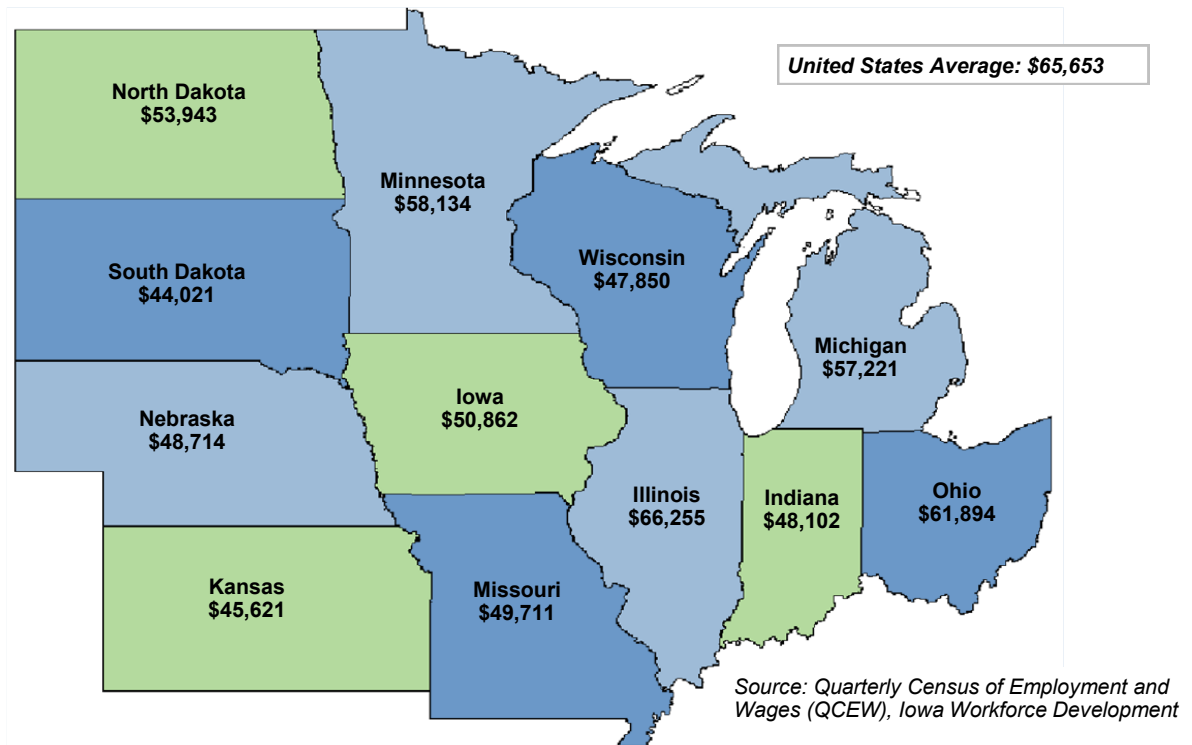


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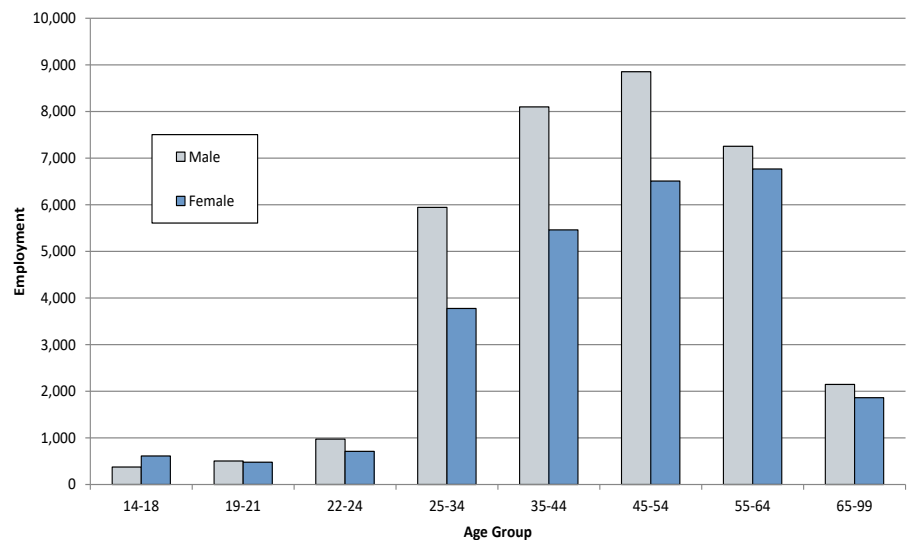


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2017 Average Annual Wage for Covered Employment in Public Administration



Industry Distribution by Age and Gender 2nd Qtr. 2018



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